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SUBJECT:BRZEZINSKI TRIP; US-ROC ISSUES

1. ROC EMBASSY MINISTER CHEN TAI-CHU CALLED ON DAS GLEY-STEEN TO DISCUSS BRZEZINSKI TRIP AND OTHER MATTERS. GLEY-STEEN SAID THAT PRESS BRIEFING ANNOUNCEMENTS HAD ACCURATELY DESCRIBED BRZEZINSKI TRIP AS BEING FOR PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH PRC ON GLOBAL ISSUES. WHILE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET WITH CHINESE WITHOUT MENTIONING BILATERAL ISSUES, BRZEZINSKI IS NOT GOING TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING NORMALIZATION. CHEN NOTED ROC'S DISAPPOINTMENT THAT BRZEZINSKI'S ARRIVAL IN PEKING COINCIDED WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT CHIANG'S INAUGURATION AND ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANCE THAT DATES MIGHT BE CHANGED. GLEESTEEN SAID DATES COULD NOT BE CHANGED AND ADDED THAT MAY 20 ARRIVAL DATE HAD BEEN DECIDED ON BASIS OF OTHER FACTORS, NOT ITS COINCIDENCE WITH INAUGURATION.

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2. CHANGING SUBJECT, CHEN SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT U.S. INTENDED TO TERMINATE SOME JOINT ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WITH ROC, FOR INSTANCE BY WITHDRAWING FROM JCRR, AND ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS TRUE. GLEESTEEN SAID SUCH STEPS WERE BEING CONSIDERED AND THAT U.S. WOULD PROBABLY WISH

TO TERMINATE CERTAIN OUT-DATED AND NO LONGER ACTIVE JOINT PROGRAMS. HE SAID THAT NONE OF THE STEPS BEING CONSIDERED INVOLVED CURRENT PROGRAMS NOR WOULD THEY MATERIALLY AFFECT ROC. GLEYSTEN CONCLUDED THAT USG WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ROC SHOULD CONCRETE STEPS BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. CHEN PROBED FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF USG CONSIDERATION OF ROC ARMS REQUESTS AND URGED PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF ROC'S REQUEST FOR F-4 AND F-16. GLEYSTEN SAID REQUESTS WERE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. THE NATURE OF THE THREAT FACING THE ROC WAS COMPLEX, AS WAS THE QUESTION OF CHOOSING THE MOST APPROPRIATE SYSTEMS FOR MEETING THAT THREAT. GLEYSTEN ASSURED CHEN THAT U.S. RESPONSE WOULD BE A REASONABLE SOLUTION TO ROC'S DEFENSE NEEDS. VANCE

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